

## DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION

(including Design and National Stage PCT)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MATERIAL FOR SOLID POLYELECTROLYTE SUITABLE FOR USE IN FUEL CELL

, the specification of which

is attached hereto. (or)

X was filed on May 10, 1999

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[ ] as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or)

[ X ] as International PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/02398

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) or §365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below; where priority is not claimed, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) ( ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET):

| Number      | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Not Claimed |
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| 1998-130421 | Japan   | 13/05/1998           |                      |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the U.S., listed below; and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. ( ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET.)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET  
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119 (e) of any United States PROVISIONAL application(s) listed below.

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Additional Prior Foreign Application(s):

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